

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of Tennessee at Chattanooga

United States of America)	
v.)	
JAMES RONALD GRIFFITH)	Case No. 1:09-cr-123-0015
Defendant)	

DETENTION ORDER PENDING TRIAL

After conducting a detention hearing under the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), I conclude that these facts require that the defendant be detained pending trial.

Part I—Findings of Fact

(1) The defendant is charged with an offense described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1) and has previously been convicted of a federal offense a state or local offense that would have been a federal offense if federal jurisdiction had existed - that is

- a crime of violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3156(a)(4) or an offense listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2332b(g)(5) for which the prison term is 10 years or more.
- an offense for which the maximum sentence is death or life imprisonment.
- an offense for which a maximum prison term of ten years or more is prescribed in _____

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a felony committed after the defendant had been convicted of two or more prior federal offenses described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)(A)-(C), or comparable state or local offenses:

any felony that is not a crime of violence but involves:

- a minor victim
- the possession or use of a firearm or destructive device or any other dangerous weapon
- a failure to register under 18 U.S.C. § 2250

(2) The offense described in finding (1) was committed while the defendant was on release pending trial for a federal, state release or local offense.

(3) A period of less than five years has elapsed since the date of conviction the defendant's release from prison for the offense described in finding (1).

(4) Findings Nos. (1), (2) and (3) establish a rebuttable presumption that no condition will reasonably assure the safety of another person or the community. I further find that the defendant has not rebutted this presumption.

Alternative Findings (A)

(1) There is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense

for which a maximum prison term of ten years or more is prescribed in 21 USC §§ 846, 841(a)(1)
(b)(1)(A), (b)(1)(C), (c)(2) .

*Insert as applicable: (a) Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 801 *et seq.*); (b) Controlled Substances Import and Export Act

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under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).

(2) The defendant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding 1 that no condition will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance and the safety of the community.

Alternative Findings (B)

(1) There is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear.
 (2) There is a serious risk that the defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

Part II—Statement of the Reasons for Detention

I find that the testimony and information submitted at the detention hearing establishes by clear and convincing evidence a preponderance of the evidence that

Clear and convincing evidence the defendant is a danger to the community and by the preponderance of the evidence that defendant is a risk of flight. Defendant is indicted for offenses which trigger the rebuttable presumption under 18 U.S.C. 3142(e). The return of the indictment finding probable cause that defendant committed the offense is sufficient to trigger the presumption. The pretrial services report contains a summary of defendant's prior record. Based on the prior record of defendant, the continuing nature of the offenses alleged in the indictment and shown by proof, defendant's long term drug abuse, the evidence concerning defendant's gun-related activities and attempts to hide and/or flee, and the rebuttable presumption, I conclude the defendant is a danger to the community and a risk of non-appearance and that there are no conditions or combinations of conditions that can assure defendant's appearance or the safety of any other person and the community. Defendant must therefore be detained without bail.

Part III—Directions Regarding Detention

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or a designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or held in custody pending appeal. The defendant must be afforded a reasonable opportunity to consult privately with defense counsel. On order of United States Court or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility must deliver the defendant to the United States marshal for a court appearance.

Date: 10/23/2009

s/ Susan K. Lee

Judge's Signature

Susan K. Lee, United States Magistrate Judge

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